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THE SITUATION IN MOROCCO

I. Indochina Crisis also Affects French in Morocco:

- A. Moroccan nationalist^s--extremist, terrorist--expected exert continued or greater effort.
 - 1. Unable throw French out: but can tie up troops needed elsewhere.
 - 2. Nationalists seeking, getting support Arab-Asian states.
- B. Other hand, French, losing in Indochina, more determined hold North Africa.
- C. Communists expected take advantage.
 - 1. First Orbit broadcasts beamed North Africa heard 27 May (Budapest).
 - 2. Extremist situation increases likelihood CP participation with Nationalists against French.

II. Prospects:

- A. French concern shown 20 May change

Resident General (Lacoste for Guillaume).

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1. Few indications yet Lacoste program.

(a) Personally favors more moderate policy.

(b) "Nationalists" invited Paris talks 2 June.

(c) Reportedly plan bring exiled ex-sultan to France from Madagascar.

B. Lacoste's task extremely difficult:

1. Friction, frustration, distrust, since 1950 hardened positions.

(a) Tough anti-nationalist policy French settlers unchanged.

(b) Nationalists probably not settle short public promise independence with timetables and immediate steps autonomy. Change sultans not enough.

2.

only way out for French is:

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- (a) Release Nationalists; collaborate with them; no others have support Moroccan masses.
- (b) Replace present sultan for one who could command widespread respect.
- (c) Warns, in view of settler opposition, improvement must come from Paris.

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